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SUMMARY

The campaign to deify Stalin and whip up emotional fervor over alleged Russian benevolence seems to have run its course. Stalin is mentioned seldom, and except for a new Port Arthur monument to the Russians and memorial services for seven Soviet fliers buried at Wuhan, Sino-Soviet friendship and China's debt to Russia are shunted aside. However, realistic evidence of Soviet influence is seen in the work of Russian advisers; oil prospecting in Sinkiang, where the Russians have special exploitation rights; and, expansion of the Sino-Soviet Airlines, which perhaps might better be called the "Soviet Airline in China." This airline plans new flights from Tihua to Kaingar, near the Indian border, and heavy freight rate cuts inside China. Reported expansion of Russian trade contrasts with Chinese extraction of tannic acid from gall nuts to replace import losses.

Little is said of peace in Korea, though no new railway technicians for Korea are mentioned. Medical workers are still sent, letters from Chinese People's Volunteers suggest that the war will continue, and much is said of U.S. economic deterioration.

In general, Russification of China seems retarded. Basic construction lags, with shortages of food and supplies at construction sites, and little improvement promised before August. In the program to eliminate illiteracy, so that peasants can absorb Communist doctrine, failures are obvious, some peasants even calling the program "evil." Destruction of regular school programs through drives and campaigns is protested. Counterrevolutionaries continue to be a problem; an admitted aid of the new Election Law is to eliminate "irregular" elements.

The need to produce food interferes with Russification plans. Spring farming delays basic construction and Marriage Law implementation. A shortage of rural enthusiasm is apparent in reports that Yenan farmers have deserted for the cities, abandoning their farms and the ambitious new highway project. Southwest farmers are accused of ignoring instructions, while Northwest minority groups are promised postponement of land reform programs in order to "promote racial harmony." Even State Farm managers are charged with neglect.

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